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May 6, 2003

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AWARD OF PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS  
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 2, 4, AND 5  
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to prepare the construction and maintenance services contracts in the form previously approved by County Counsel, execute the contracts, and establish the effective dates following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material bonds filed by the contractor for the following:

Project ID No. FCC0000834 - Los Cerritos Channel Wall and Right-of-Way Fence Replacement, City of Long Beach (4), to M J Contractor, in amount of \$332,992.

Project ID No. RDC0014094 - 30th Street West at Avenue O/Town Center Drive, City of Palmdale (5), to Cooley Construction, Inc., in amount of \$344,829.07.

Project ID No. RDC0014186 - Huntington Drive at Sunny Slope Drive, vicinity of Arcadia (5), to Steiny and Company, Inc., in amount of \$108,591.

Project ID No. RMD4446002 - Parkway Tree Planting MD 4 - As Needed, in the southeast area of Los Angeles County, (1, 2, and 4), to New Image Landscaping Construction, in amount of \$131,470.

Project ID No. RMD5546103 - Parkway Tree Trimming and Removal RD 551 C and D, and RD 556 A and B - 2002/03, vicinities of Lancaster, Quartz Hill, Castaic, and Val Verde (5), to George Salinas Tree Preservation, in amount of \$82,918.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

We are recommending that your Board award these construction and maintenance services contracts and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute the contracts and establish the effective contract dates following receipt of approved bonds and insurance filed by contractors for each of these projects.

The enclosure for each project includes the project description, the call for bids and bid opening dates, a tabulation of bids, and financial information. The certified record of receipt of bids and the original bid proposals for each project are also enclosed.

The recommended construction and maintenance services contracts are necessary to execute Board-directed and approved Public Works projects in support of operational missions. Your Board's approval of the recommended contract awards and our subsequent execution of the contracts will ensure the timely completion of the projects.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The award of these construction and maintenance services contracts is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since these contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The enclosure for each project includes the amount of the recommended contract as compared with the engineer's estimate and the other bids received.

These projects are included in the 2002-03 Department of Public Works Budget. The enclosure for each project includes more detailed fiscal and financial information.

## **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Recommended contract awards are to the lowest responsible bidders in accordance with the California Public Contract Code and your Board's directives.

On October 27, 1981, your Board adopted a program for the use of small Minority and Women-owned Businesses (MWBs) on Federal and State funded highway construction contracts. Companies meeting these requirements are certified by the State as Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs). An overall goal for subcontracting portions of the work to DBEs is established for each project. Contracts are recommended for award to the lowest responsible bidder who meets the goal or documents a good faith effort to do so in conformance with the program.

We have also developed an outreach program to encourage all qualified contractors to participate in the bidding and contracting process on our projects. Under this program, we place notices of upcoming bids in local and minority newspapers throughout the County. These notices indicate that copies of plans and specifications are available at specified libraries and the Public Works Headquarters building. This allows interested contractors to view the plans and specifications at convenient locations. We also provide telephone numbers (including one for Spanish-speaking contractors) to obtain further information on bidding and subcontracting opportunities.

To further increase contractor awareness of contracting opportunities with Public Works, each of these projects was listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

The State Labor Code requires contractors to pay prevailing wage rates to all persons employed on public works construction contracts. These rates are determined by the Department of Industrial Relations and include contributions for fringe benefits such as vacations, pension funds, training, and health plans for each employee.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws.

The contracts will be in the form previously approved by County Counsel. We will also review and approve the faithful performance and payment bonds filed by the contractors.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

Each of these projects was found to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act at the time your Board called for bids. The specifics of these findings are included in the enclosure for each project.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

The contracts were solicited on an open competitive basis in accordance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code.

The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to report solicitations of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the contract if it is found that the contractor offered or gave improper consideration to County employees.

We have confirmed that all of the respective contractors are in compliance with the County's Child Support Compliance Program and the requirements of the Contractor Employee Jury Service Program.

The project specifications also contain a provision that, should the contractor require additional or replacement personnel to fill employment openings, consideration shall be given to hiring qualified participants in the County's Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs.

To ensure that the contracts are awarded to responsible contractors with satisfactory performance histories, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, their civil litigation history, and information regarding prior criminal convictions. The information reported by all of the respective contractors was considered before making this recommendation to approve execution of the contracts.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

These construction and maintenance services contracts will result in improved public works infrastructure in the communities where the work is scheduled. Where appropriate, local residents and businesses will be informed that traffic and local access may be mildly disrupted during the construction. The proposed schedules for construction are included in the enclosure for each project.

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**CONCLUSION**

Please return one approved copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel  
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

AWARD OF CONTRACT  
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PROJECT ID NO. FCC0000834, LOS CERRITOS CHANNEL WALL AND  
RIGHT-OF-WAY FENCE REPLACEMENT (City of Long Beach),  
Supervisory District 4

TYPE OF WORK: Replacement of channel wall and right-of-way fence.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: April 1, 2003 (Synopsis 48)

BID OPENING DATE: April 29, 2003

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Matthew Jafari, an individual dba M J Contractor 9 Orchard Road, No. 106 Lake Forest, California 92630 (949) 454-8684	\$332,992.00
2	Southland Construction	\$349,320.00
3	Golden State Fence Co.	\$360,259.70

EDT Engineering Co., Inc. (EDT), submitted a bid in the amount of \$230,849.59; however, EDT's bid failed to meet the requirement that at least 50 percent of the contract work be performed by the bidder's own organization. Therefore, EDT's bid was considered nonresponsive and rejected as provided in the Instructions to Bidders, Section H, "Nonresponsive Bids and Bid Rejection."

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$364,547.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$332,992.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 31,555.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 9 percent below the estimate

Sufficient funds for this project are available to the Flood Control District.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATE:

M J Contractor has one MWBE subcontractor/supplier under this contract, yielding a proposed DBE participation of 10 percent. This contract does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (m), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 60 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in June and be completed in September 2003.

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PROJECT ID NO. RDC0014094, 30TH STREET WEST AT AVENUE O/TOWN  
CENTER DRIVE (City of Palmdale), Supervisorial District 5

TYPE OF WORK: Installation of traffic signals and road reconstruction.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: March 4, 2003 (Synopsis 67)

BID OPENING DATE: April 1, 2003

BID SUMMARY:

Low Cooley Construction, Inc., a corporation \$344,829.07  
P.O. Box 1341  
Victorville, California 92392  
(760) 245-1377

2 TDS Engineering \$383,218.00

Taft Electric Company submitted a bid in the amount of \$323,264.00, and Temco submitted a bid in the amount of \$469,559.45; however, their bid proposals failed to meet the requirement that at least 50 percent of the nonspecialty work be performed by the bidder's own organization. Therefore, the bids submitted by Taft Electric Company and Temco were considered nonresponsive and rejected as provided in the Instructions to Bidders, Section H, ANonresponsive Bids and Bid Rejection.®

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$372,687.90
Amount of recommended contract	\$344,829.07
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 27,858.83

The amount of the recommended contract is 7 percent below the estimate.

A portion of this project is within the City of Palmdale. The County will perform the preliminary engineering and administer the construction of the project, with the City and the County to finance 49 percent and 51 percent, respectively, of the cost of traffic signals and their respective shares of the costs for the associated signing and striping. The agreement also provides for the County to finance the entire cost of the widening and pavement improvements.



This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2002-03 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Cooley Construction, Inc., has three MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, yielding a proposed DBE participation of 33 percent. This contract does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsections (x)(5) and (x)(23), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 60 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in May and be completed in August 2003.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT  
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PROJECT ID NO. RDC0014186, HUNTINGTON DRIVE AT SUNNY SLOPE DRIVE  
(in the vicinity of Arcadia), Supervisorial District 5

TYPE OF WORK: Installation of traffic signals.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: March 11, 2003 (Synopsis 37)

BID OPENING DATE: April 8, 2003

BID SUMMARY:

Low	*Steiny and Company, Inc., a corporation	\$108,591.00
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12907 East Garvey Avenue  
Baldwin Park, California 91706-0993  
(626) 338-9923

2	New West Signal	\$109,197.00
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\*MWBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$ 89,010.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$108,591.00
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$ 19,581.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 22 percent above the engineer's estimate, which was based on recent average contract prices for similar items of work. Since the bids received are very competitive, we do not believe that readvertising the project would result in lower bids. Therefore, we recommend award of the contract to the low bidder.

This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2002-03 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Steiny and Company, Inc., a WBE, has one MWBE subcontractor/supplier under this contract, yielding a proposed DBE participation of 3 percent. This project does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (x)(5), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 30 working days; however, an additional 120 calendar days are required for the contractor to obtain the necessary equipment and materials. Therefore, it is estimated that the work will start in August and be completed in September 2003.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT  
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PROJECT ID NO. RMD4446002, PARKWAY TREE PLANTING MD 4 - AS NEEDED  
(in the southeast area of Los Angeles County), Supervisorial Districts 1, 2, and 4

TYPE OF WORK: Planting of parkway trees on an as-needed basis.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: March 11, 2003 (Synopsis 37)

BID OPENING DATE: April 8, 2003

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Dar E. New, an individual dba New Image Landscaping Construction 22269 Loch Lomond Drive Canyon Lake, California 92587 (909) 244-1911	\$131,470.00
2	United Pacific Services, Inc.	\$133,800.00

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$107,750.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$131,470.00
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$ 23,720.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 22 percent above the engineer's estimate, which was based on recent average contract prices for similar items of work. Our review of the estimate reveals that it did not account for increased pricing due to the relatively small quantities of work included in several contract items. Since the bids received are competitive, we do not believe that readvertising the project will result in lower bids. Therefore, we recommend award of the contract to the low bidder.

This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2002-03 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

New Image Landscaping Construction has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, which does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (x)(9), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications provide for as-needed tree planting for a one-year period from June 2003 through May 2004.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT  
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PROJECT ID NO. RMD5546103, PARKWAY TREE TRIMMING AND REMOVAL  
RD 551 C AND D, AND RD 556 A AND B - 2002/03 (in the vicinities of Lancaster,  
Quartz Hill, Castaic, and Val Verde), Supervisorial District 5

TYPE OF WORK: Trimming and removal of parkway trees.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: March 18, 2003 (Synopsis 54)

BID OPENING DATE: April 15, 2003

BID SUMMARY:

Low	*George P. Salinas, an individual dba George Salinas Tree Preservation P.O. Box 84 Placentia, California 92871-0084 (714) 528-9828	\$ 82,918.00
2	*Orozco Landscape & Tree Co.	\$102,665.00
3	*Trimming Land Company, Inc.	\$122,875.00
4	TruGreen LandCare	\$123,792.03
5	United Pacific Services, Inc.	\$127,655.00
6	Tip Top Arborist	\$136,525.00
7	*Mariposa Horticultural Enterprises, Inc.	\$137,993.00

\*MWBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$146,320.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$ 82,918.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 63,402.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 43 percent below the engineer's estimate. All of the bids were below the estimate and reflect the competitive nature of the market. The low bidder is a responsible contractor who has performed satisfactorily on previous contracts with Public Works. Therefore, we recommend award of the contract to the low bidder.

This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2002-03 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

George Salinas Tree Preservation, an MWBE, has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, which does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (j), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 60 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in June and be completed in September 2003.

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